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ROAR ON HIS RAMBLE.

Senator Hoar has been on an intellectual ramble in the Senate, has entertained quite an audience, and has apparently accomplished little or nothing, except to show how partisanship and malice may blind a man to facts and reason.

Some strange jumbling of ideas he described the purposes of the Force bill as exactly opposite to what they are. The National Elections bill, he said, undertaken to defend the Constitution of the United States against an attempt to overthrow it by depriving the majority of the people of their right, honestly and freely, to elect representatives in the other house of Congress, and by substituting for such election processes of fraud, intimidation, and bribery. For anyone upholding the Republican party as a defender of the Constitution and a purifier of the spring of liberty is almost beyond conception. And for any same person to point, as a defender of the Constitution, to the Force bill, which means intimidation by the bayonet at the polls those whom Republican bribery and other processes of fraud have failed to influence, is amazing.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Hoar did not dwell with particular emphasis upon this phase of the question, but went on to ask, "Was cheating at elections an issue of the war? Had Jackson died, had Lee gone through that struggle, more bitter than death through his allegiance to his country and his love for his State in order that ballot-boxes might be stuffed, that naturalization papers might be forged, that returns might be altered, and that votes might be falsely counted?" Hoar failed to answer these questions except in saying that they were foul calumny of the mighty shades of Confederate dead.

A candid answer would have been in the affirmative to the first question and in a positive negative to the second. Those deeds of valor of Confederates were the response to an attack made upon the Constitution by fanatic Radicals, which still animates the Republican party. The partial success of that attack made it possible for the Republican party to retain power by cheating at elections, stuffing ballot-boxes, forging naturalization papers and altering returns, and when even such practices, added to that of bribery, failed in the face of public opinion, to dare to resort to the bayonet as a final blaster.

After paying his respects to Mr. Quay, Hoar announced that his devotion to the protective system was indisputable, but he neglected to repeat that while favor passing the Tariff bill sooner than that Congress should not pass the Federal Election bill, I would prefer to see every manufacturing establishment in Massachusetts burned to ashes, and the people of that State required to labor in callings in which they could not make more than fifty cents a day and be required to live on codfish." In the usual strain of those devoted to the protective tariff, he blandly announced that the protective tariff was a measure to increase the wages of American labor, so that thereby American citizenship and American manhood might be exalted. Such talk is worse than rubbish. How are the wages increased of workers in these New England mills which have been compelled by the tariff to close down, to curtail production? They are in a situation where the party of a protective tariff or to vote for freedom and stature?

That was an unfortunate reference, in his conclusion, to the golden wedge of Ophir. Mr. Hoar can at least agree with Mr. Quay that if it had not been the golden wedge of Ophir cut into blocks of five and judiciously distributed, the arrogance of the proud Republicans had ceased in 1888, and the haughtiness of the terrible Radicals had been laid low. The golden wedge of Ophir made it possible for States to be stoned by the Senate, representatives to be unseated in the House, a Force bill to be concocted, and a Benjamin Harrison to play at being President.

The ramble of Mr. Hoar was rambling, and it is hoped he enjoyed himself.

IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Since the convention of last week in South Carolina the press of that State have carried on the discussion of possible results in a dignified and calm manner which should set at rest the fond and delusive hopes of South-haters that Mahonism is to be established in South Carolina. The tone of the press may be ascertained from two facts. One paper which opposed the Tillman movement now asserts that the very position which the minority took in the convention leaves them charged with no further steps beyond entering a protest against what they considered contrary to good faith and sound party principles in the action of the convention going beyond what it was called to do, to settle the question of a primary election. It is concluded that nothing can be done until a meeting of the straightforward conference. All friends of the South, and of South Carolina in particular, concur that white supremacy is the paramount question in the State. It is announced without contradiction that anti-Tillman Democrats and straightforward Democrats are prepared to sink personal preferences for the unity of the party and safety of pure government. Fair play, moderation, good faith, common sense, and level heads are the qualities now demanded of the white race of South Carolina.

Another paper, which was decidedly anti-Tillman before the convention, now says: "Each man on each side should see to it that he does no act and says no word to weaken the allegiance of his fellow Democrat to the party. White supremacy is of ten thousand times more importance than the election or defeat of Tillman. It ought to be the first thing in every man's mind. All our energies should be given to that end and all our proceedings should be regulated by it. These are the important duties and considerations before us."

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A REPUBLICAN senator, alluding to the conference at which it was agreed to lay over the Quay resolution, said that it had been decided better for the Republicans to wash their dirty linen behind Republican doors than in the presence of Democrats. That was certainly showing a degree of kindness and consideration towards the Democrats of which the latter cannot be too appreciative.

THE BOSTON Journal, in quoting Mr. Merrill's figures to prove how prices have depreciated in ten years as conforming to the farmers, fails to mention the accompanying depreciation of agricultural values and the

figures of Senator Vest, showing how a protective tariff enables the manufacturers to sell their agricultural implements at much lower prices in foreign countries than to the farmers of the North, South, and West at home.

REPUBLICANS have been doing all the revision of the tariff in the past thirty years. That revision has resulted in increased distress among the principal consumers of the country, the farmers and laborers. Why should Republicanism continue to thrive upon the blood and flesh of the great masses? Because the classes created by the Republican party demand it to be contributed to a return of the old regime of pillage and rapine.

MISSISSIPPI'S CONSTITUTION.

Since 1868 the inhabitants of Mississippi have been subjected to a constitution framed by Radicals. That such a constitution was not intended to subserve the best interests of Mississippi goes without saying. In following the example of the Southern States by revising her constitution, Mississippi is placing herself in line with the rest of the South. The results of the Constitutional Convention, now in session at Jackson, will, therefore, be watched for eagerly, especially, as behind all the many plans proposed is the desire to secure the safety of the State in white supremacy.

The propositions have been grouped as follows:

A change in the basis of representation of such character as to vest the governing power in the white majority simply, or in the white counties and senatorial districts.

Plural voting on a basis to make plural voters of a sufficient number of whites to secure a safe white majority.

Examination, registration, and certification of fitness to vote by commission.

Conferring suffrage upon females having certain property qualifications and upon male minors between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years possessing certain property and educational qualifications.

A disqualification for crimes of a certain character.

A longer residence in the state and county.

An increased compulsory poll-tax paid or a compulsory poll-tax of the present amount and a voluntary one of a greater amount prepaid, the latter to carry with its payment the right to vote.

The Australian ballot system.

Dwellers in the sections have most thickly settled by the blacks have shown a patriotic disposition to relinquish some of their rights to representation in the Legislature from their section so as to ensure the successful working of the first proposition. This involves, however, the election of the governor and other State officers by the Legislature, and wise men contend that this would be too great a concentration of power in a few hands.

Plural voting is the plan ably advocated by Judge Campbell, but the objections to it are that it would be cumbersome even to take place, and the cost of this nameless tax, which has been seized upon as the occasion for a strong speculation in silver. That metal, instead of being exported and performing its ordinary function in the payment of our imports, has been put in circulation in the form of a tariff.

The Secretary of State has been subpoenaed to appear before the Senate Committee on Finance to give his opinion as to whether the right to vote for each child, as provided in the Constitution, is a sufficient qualification for suffrage.

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WHAT IS REPUBLICANISM?

THE TERM AS FULLY DEFINED BY JUDGE CAMPBELL.

The Constitutionality of Plural Voting Vindicated, With Reference to the Guaranty Clause of the Constitution of the United States.

"The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a